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Hello and happy springtime. This email will tell you about some items on the calendar at Issan-ji.

First, we'll have the monthly Full-Moon Bodhisattva Ceremony this coming Friday, 6 April, at 6:25 p.m., which is a bit earlier than usual. This will follow a short period of evening sitting starting at the customary time of 6 p.m. This scheduling doesn't interfere with the Meditation in Recovery group that meets on Friday evenings at Hartford Street.

Next, Saturday, 7 April, will be our day to observe Buddha's Birthday! We'll start sitting at 6 a.m. in order to have a bit more time to practice together, including sharing a simple breakfast. Everyone is welcome, but you must sign up ahead of time in order to participate in the meal, either by email to [hszc108@yahoo.com](mailto:hszc108@yahoo.com) or leaving us a message at (415) 863-2507. We'll have a Dharma talk as usual at 10:15 a.m., and afterwards a ceremony celebrating the birth of the baby Buddha in which we

circumabulate the *zendo* (meditation hall) while chanting the Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra. Subsequently we'll repair to the dining room for the birthday party itself.

Lastly, Monday, 9 April, will be a day off for the temple, and there will be no *zendo* events that day. The regular schedule will resume with 6 a.m. *zazen* (seated meditation) on Tuesday, 10 April.

Please feel invited to join us on any or all of the above occasions. Blessings to all...